13.09.2021
Item Nos.10
and 11
Crt.No.25
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CRA 394 of 2002
Shabnam Banu & Anr.
-vs-
The State of West Bengal
with
CRR 3490 of 2007
Soukat Ali
-vs-
The State of West Bengal

In Re : CRA 394 of 2002

Both the convicts/appellants Shabnam Banu and Khursed Banu along with their counsel are found absent when the matter is called for hearing.

None appears on behalf of the State.

The appeal is pending since 2002.

Criminal Section is directed to issue administrative notice of personal appearances of the above two appellants/convicts both residents of Master Para Road, Sitarampur Police Station, Kulti through O.C. Kulti, P.S.

Criminal Section is further directed to inform the Learned Public Prosecutor, High Court, Calcutta as well as the Learned Advocates for the appellants, if any, on record about the next date of hearing.

Let the matter be taken up for hearing in the List of November, 2021.

Report of O.C., Kulti Police Station in the meantime.

In Re: CRR 3490 of 2007.

On perusal of the record and the order dated 12.10.2007, it appears CRR 3490 of 2007 has already been disposed with a direction to the department to send back the lower court record to the Court of Sessions Judge, Hooghly by Special Messenger at the cost of the petitioner. The learned Sessions Judge, Hooghly was directed to immediately commence the trial of the petitioner within a month from the date of receipt of the records and to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible preferably within six months thereafter strictly in terms of Section 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Surprisingly, I find lower court records still lying in this Hon'ble High Court.

Department is directed to strictly comply with the order dated 12.10.2007 at once and submit necessary report on the next date.

The Sessions Judge, Hooghly is hereby directed to inform this Hon'ble Court about the present status of the accused Saukat Ali.

Let the matter appear in the List of November, 2021.

Criminal Section is directed to comply all the above directions and also inform the Learned Public Prosecutor. Report from the O.C. Polba Police Station and learned Sessions Judge, Hooghly.

(Kesang Doma Bhutia, J.)